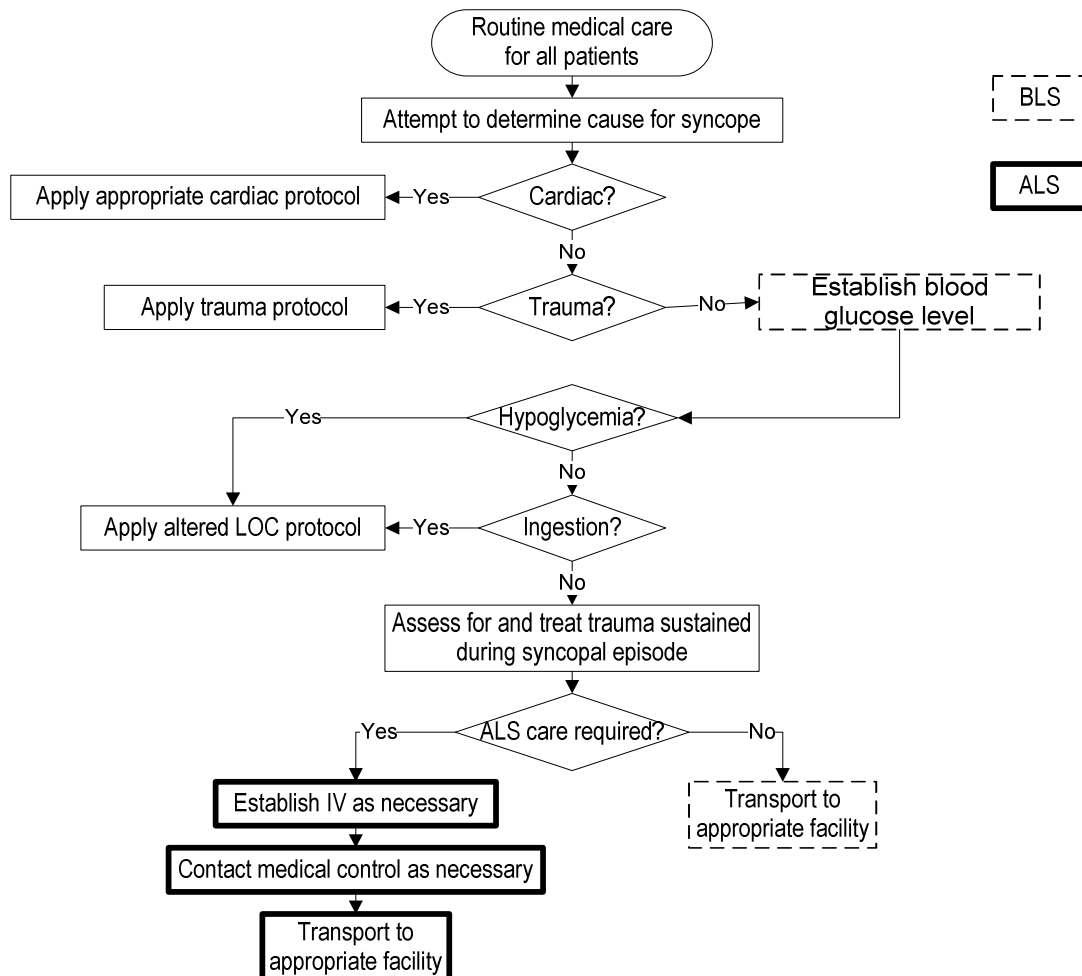


Initiated: 9/92
Reviewed/revised: 10/12/05
Revision: 3

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
MEDICAL PROTOCOL
SYNCOPE**

Approved by: Ronald Pirrallo, MD, MHSA
Signature:
Page 1 of 1

History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
Brief loss of consciousness History of cardiac disease, stroke, seizures, diabetes Possible occult blood loss (ulcers, ectopic pregnancy) Fluid loss - diarrhea, vomiting Fever Vagal stimulation Trauma	Loss of consciousness with recovery Dizziness, lightheadedness Palpitations Abnormal pulse rate Irregular pulse Hypotension Signs of trauma	Consider underlying cause: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac • Hypovolemia • Stroke • Hypoglycemia • Orthostatic hypotension • Seizure • Vasovagal • Ingestion • Trauma • Aortic aneurysm/dissection



NOTES:

- Assess for signs and symptoms of trauma if associated or questionable fall with syncope.
- Consider underlying cause for syncope and treat accordingly.
- Over 25% of geriatric syncope is due to cardiac dysrhythmia.